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1. EMBASSY WELCOMES VISIT OF INSPECTORS MUSCH AND MATHESON. HOWEVER, PROPOSED TIMING CAUSES SOME PROBLEMS. SHOULD TEAM FIRST SPEND THREE WEEKS IN THAILAND AS SUGGESTED REFTEL, IT WOULD ARRIVE RANGOON AT SAME TIME THAT MISSION'S NARCOTICS COORDINATOR IS SCHEDULED TO LEAVE FOR EA REGIONAL NARCOTICS CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN KUALA LUMPUR APRIL 5-6. COORDINATOR HOPES TO CONSULT IN BANGKOK BRIEFLY BEFORE KL MEETING SINCE HE MUST RETURN DIRECTLY TO RANGOON AFTER CONFERENCE FOR VISIT OF AMB. VANCE (S/NM), TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 8-9. SUGGEST TEAM CONSIDER VISITING RANGOON BEFORE THAILAND OR DURING 3RD WEEK OF MARCH. PLEASE ADVISE.

2. WE ASSUME THAT INSPECTION WILL BE ESSENTIALLY IN-HOUSE REVIEW OF NARCOTICS PROGRAM AND WILL NOT INVOLVE BURMESE OFFICIALS. THE RELATIONSHIP WE HAVE DEVELOPED WITH THE BURMESE AUTHORITIES IN THIS DELICATE AREA MUST BE PROTECTED; OVERBURDENING THEM WITH CALLS OR BRIEFINGS FOR THE VARIOUS VISITORS INTERESTED IN THIS PROGRAM COULD DISCOURAGE FURTHER COOPERATION. BURMESE WOULD BE EXTREMELY SENSITIVE TO ANY SUGGESTION USG ASSERTING RIGHTS OF SUPERVISION, CONTROL, OR INSPECTION OF GUB ACTIVITY. MISSION WILL, OF COURSE, BE HAPPY TO EXTEND ITS FULLEST COOPERATION IN ASSURING THAT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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